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SUBJECT:GUINEAN COMMITMENT NOT TO PERMIT SOVIET TU-95
FLIGHTS TO CONAKRY

REFS: A) CONAKRY 1412 B) CONAKRY 1413 C) STATE 148788(NOTAL)

1. ON JUNE 23 GUINEAN PRIME MINISTER BEAVOGUI TOLD THE ACT-
ING SECRETARY THAT, IN RESPONSE TO U.S. EXPRESSIONS OF CON-
CERN, PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE HAD DECIDED NOT TO ALLOW SOVIET
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TU-95 RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS, WHICH SURVEY U.S. AND NATO
FLEET MOVEMENTS IN THE ATLANTIC, TO LAND AT CONAKRY. HE
STATED THAT THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN CONAKRY HAD BEEN IN-
FORMED OF THIS. (REFTEL C).

2. TWO TU-95'S LANDED IN CONAKRY ON AUGUST 6. PRESIDENT
TOURE EXPLAINED TO OUR CHARGE THAT THE LANDINGS WERE AN

"ERROR." THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS WITHOUT INFORMING THE PRESIDENT OR FOREIGN MINISTER HAD ACCEDED TO A SOVIET REQUEST FOR THE FLIGHTS TO LAND, AND DEFENDED HIS DECISION ON THE BASIS OF A FEBRUARY 1972 DOCUMENT GRANTING THE SOVIETS TWO MONTHLY LANDINGS FOR TU-95'S AND APPARENTLY OTHER MILITARY AIRCRAFT. TOURE TOLD OUR CHARGE THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN AWARE OF THIS DOCUMENT AND HAS NOW CANCELED IT. TOURE CLAIMED THAT HE

SUSPECTED A "PLOT" TO SPOIL U.S. GUINEAN RELATIONS. IT APPEARS TOURE MAY SUSPECT THAT THE SOVIETS AND CERTAIN GUINEAN ACCOMPLICES PLANNED THE RETURN OF THE TU-95'S. (REFTELS A AND B).

3. TOURE'S STATEMENT THAT FEBRUARY 1972 INSTRUCTIONS CANCELED, REINFORCES OUR UNDERSTANDING WITH GUINEANS THAT NO TU-95 FLIGHTS WILL BE ALLOWED INTO CONAKRY FOR ANY PURPOSE, INCLUDING TRANSIT AND REFUELING. THIS STRICT INTERPRETATION SHOULD BE REITERATED BY EMBASSY CONAKRY TO ITS OFFICIAL CONTACTS AT EVERY APPROPRIATE OCCASION IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF BUSINESS. CANCELLATION OF INSTRUCTION MAY ALSO AFFECT OTHER SOVIET MILITARY FLIGHTS THROUGH CONAKRY ABOUT WHICH WE HAVE NOT SPECIFICALLY COMPLAINED. WE DOUBT HOWEVER, THAT TOURE WOULD TERMINATE SOVIET AIRLIFT SUPPORT OF AFRICAN "LIBERATION" MOVEMENTS THROUGH CONAKRY AND BELIEVE THAT ATTEMPT TO EXPAND UNDERSTANDING

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ALONG THESE LINES WOULD BE FRUITLESS.

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